



#5/13

NVL-3107

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Application of: Thomas M. Colandene)
Serial No.: 09/888,509) Examiner J. Martinez
Filed: June 26, 2001) Art Unit 2873
Title: OFF-FOCAL PLANE MICRO-OPTICS)

QB
5/20/03
QB
7-14-03

RULE 116 AMENDMENT

Mail Stop AF
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

RECEIVED
MAY 19 2003
TECHNOLOGY CENTER 2800

Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action dated March 10, 2003, please amend the above-captioned patent application as follows:

In the Claims:

In accordance with Proposed Rule 121, please accept Claims 1-6 as shown in attached Exhibit A (Complete Listing of All Claims).

REMARKS

In the aforementioned Final Office Action, the Examiner has also rejected Claims 1-3 and 6 under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by the Gal reference, and claims 4-5 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) for being unpatentable over the Gal reference.

AF 12873



PTO/SB/21 (03-03)

Approved for use through 04/30/2003. OMB 0651-0031

U.S. Patent and Trademark Office; U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, no persons are required to respond to a collection of information unless it displays a valid OMB control number.

TRANSMITTAL FORM (to be used for all correspondence after initial filing)	Application Number	09/888,509	
	Filing Date	06/26/2001	
	First Named Inventor	Thomas M. Colandene	
	Art Unit	2873	
	Examiner Name	J. Martinez	
Total Number of Pages in This Submission	6	Attorney Docket Number	NVL-3107

ENCLOSURES (Check all that apply)		
<input type="checkbox"/> Fee Transmittal Form	<input type="checkbox"/> Drawing(s)	<input type="checkbox"/> After Allowance Communication to a Technology Center (TC)
<input type="checkbox"/> Fee Attached	<input type="checkbox"/> Licensing-related Papers	<input type="checkbox"/> Appeal Communication to Board of Appeals and Interferences
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Amendment/Reply	<input type="checkbox"/> Petition	<input type="checkbox"/> Appeal C ommunicatidC (Appeal Notice, Brief, Reply Brief)
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> After Final	<input type="checkbox"/> Petition to Convert to a Provisional Application	<input type="checkbox"/> Proprietary Information
<input type="checkbox"/> Affidavits/declaration(s)	<input type="checkbox"/> Power of Attorney, Revocation	<input type="checkbox"/> Status Letter
<input type="checkbox"/> Extension of Time Request	<input type="checkbox"/> Change of Correspondence Address	<input type="checkbox"/> Other Enclosure(s) (please identify below):
<input type="checkbox"/> Express Abandonment Request	<input type="checkbox"/> Terminal Disclaimer	
<input type="checkbox"/> Information Disclosure Statement	<input type="checkbox"/> Request for Refund	
<input type="checkbox"/> Certified Copy of Priority Document(s)	<input type="checkbox"/> CD, Number of CD(s) _____	
<input type="checkbox"/> Response to Missing Parts/Incomplete Application	Remarks	
<input type="checkbox"/> Response to Missing Parts under 37 CFR 1.52 or 1.53		

RECEIVED
MAY 19 2003
TECHNOLOGY CENTER 2800

SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT, ATTORNEY, OR AGENT	
Firm or Individual	Department of the Army CECOM/NVESD IP Div. 10225 Burbeck Road, Ft Belvoir, VA 22060
Signature	<i>William R. Hum</i>
Date	5/8/2003

CERTIFICATE OF TRANSMISSION/MAILING			
I hereby certify that this correspondence is being facsimile transmitted to the USPTO or deposited with the United States Postal Service with sufficient postage as first class mail in an envelope addressed to: Commissioner for Patents, Washington, DC 20231 on this date: _____			
Typed or printed			
Signature		Date	

This collection of information is required by 37 CFR 1.5. The information is required to obtain or retain a benefit by the public which is to file (and by the USPTO to process) an application. Confidentiality is governed by 35 U.S.C. 122 and 37 CFR 1.14. This collection is estimated to take 12 minutes to complete, including gathering, preparing, and submitting the completed application form to the USPTO. Time will vary depending upon the individual case. Any comments on the amount of time you require to complete this form and/or suggestions for reducing this burden, should be sent to the Chief Information Officer, U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, U.S. Department of Commerce, Washington, DC 20231. DO NOT SEND FEES OR COMPLETED FORMS TO THIS ADDRESS. SEND TO: Commissioner for Patents, Washington, DC 20231.

If you need assistance in completing the form, call 1-800-PTO-9199 (1-800-786-9199) and select option 2.